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Subject: Re: Idaho trading pilot
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Hi Claire,

Marti and I had talked about two separate efforts. The in-person in Portland was a meeting to put together options around a Boise River Trading framework update to be consistent with the Joint Recommendations. Basically, it's still one of the best ones out there, but is silent on some things.

We won't be making decisions, so I don't think we need the whole EPA crew, but could get far enough along with a day/day and a half to map out what would need to happen to get the Boise trading framework ready when/if it's needed.

We'll host here at our offices. In terms of timing, we're still scrambling to get the Joint Recommendations out, which is pushing a lot of other work into August. I also want to be able to spend some time doing prep and framing of options to make the best use of our in-person time. The best window for us is Aug 26-Sept 5. That OK?

On the permit template, I think that's a separate conversation that we can still scope out how to make it most useful given that A) permits are being discussed with possible trading placeholders, and B) we probably want a template we can use more broadly.

That help?

Bobby

On Wed, Jul 16, 2014 at 11:50 AM, Schary, Claire <Schary.Claire@epa.gov> wrote:

This meeting sounds like a good idea as long as it's just a project planning meeting because I would really want to defer to Susan Poulson for some of the detailed work, as well as Dustan and Chae. I also couldn't tell if it is intended to be a mock permit for the Lower Boise stakeholders - but Neil told me didn't think so, saying it's just a permit template that could be used in any watershed with appropriate details inserted). In any case, I would definitely want Bill Stewart involved as well when we talk about baselines and BMPs, etc.

I can do a face-to-face meeting either in Portland, as long it's just for one night, or somewhere closer to Seattle (Centralia?) if you think we can do it in a day. I have friends in Portland I can even hit up for a place to stay that have been asking me to come visit, so no need to share rooms!

My schedule is fairly wide open the next few weeks except July 31 -Aug. 1, and Aug. 7-8 (out of town guests I need to be home in the evenings for).

-- Claire

Claire Schary

From: Marti.Bridges@deq.idaho.gov [mailto:Marti.Bridges@deq.idaho.gov]

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Subject: Idaho trading pilot

Claire; Bobby and I met while you were globe-trotting through Germany, Eastern Europe and Ireland to discuss Idaho's pilot. Despite my efforts to get Susan Poulsom to help work on a mock permit, nothing has come of that. I feel certain this is because she is over-tapped with the enormous backlog of NPDES permits in Idaho and oversight of the D.C. Headquarters folks who are also helping with those.

That said, Robbin Finch in his typical manner, has pushed and pushed on DEQ, TFT and WP about updating the trading guidance and framework for the Lower Boise. Both Barry Burnell, Michael McIntyre and I have made it clear we are not going to tackle a total revamp until the Lower Boise TMDL WLAs are done and have buy in by the WAG and EPA. That won't likely happen before December at the earliest.

However, there are a number of things that Bobby and I have identified that could be done that relate to adopting attributes of the JRA recommendations as a "pilot". In other words, we'd get the ball rolling on refreshing things like pre-approved BMPS, actionable items like trade verification language, registry language, establishing a baseline, etc. I'm sure there are more items I'm forgetting at the moment.

Alex Johnson from TFT is working on a contract with some of the cities, purportedly, to identify an economic analysis of likely trading locales and viability and kinds of projects. I think his focus is on TP and might also include temperature, but not sure on that. I know that either Nampa or Meridian approved money to contract with him. The work he does could ultimately become an appendix of the trading framework.

That said, I have travel money and believe the four of us should consider a face to face and work session for a day or two if need be to look at what we have in place, what we can update in the next 4 to 5 months prior to the TMDL and what we can work on before engaging a select group of stakeholders to weigh in. I don't want to manage a group of 42 like Ross and Associates did. But I do want to make sure a select group are chosen for an initial review and then assemble a larger group to present our work to.

What are some time frames you would have happen between now and mid-August? We could meet in Portland or Seattle. Whatever works best for Claire, as I would fly to either one. I know EPA doesn't have a lot of money. If it was Portland and Claire doesn't mind my snoring, she could room with me, too. Just a thought.

Give me some feedback on this idea and if you're all in—and Claire, you are key to this, I can always do a doodle poll. But if you all know you have some openings for a couple days or more here and there, let me know.

And Bobby, if you can weigh in on our discussion and elaborate on things I've missed, I thank you. The fog of post Salmon River trip letdown is still in my brain.

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